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Swimmer's Code of Conduct

The goals of the Sault Ste. Marie Aquatic Club are to develop a strong team and community spirit, founded upon fellowship and good sportsmanship. We are committed to helping children grow, develop and realize their full potential as athletes and human beings within the context of competitive and recreational swimming, according to their individual abilities, needs and personal objectives.

Our team must strive to project an image that will make all of its members proud of the team and of the sport of swimming, and to represent our community responsibly when traveling.

Therefore, swimmers are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified manner that shows respect for fellow swimmers, coaches, all officials and facilities, and everyone's personal property. Older swimmers are expected to lead by example and are expected to be on their best behaviour at all times.

1. Swimmers are expected to attend scheduled work-outs and to be on time. If they know in advance that they will be missing a practice session or will be late, they must inform the coach.
2. During practice, the SSMAC coaching staff is responsible for safety and discipline in the pool area. Swimmers are expected to refrain from:
 - a. Performing actions that could result in serious injuries, i.e. no horseplay anywhere in the facility – keep your hands and feet to yourself;
 - b. Bullying in any form;
 - c. Using profane or disrespectful language;
 - d. Using lifeguard chairs; or the diving board and swing ropes without the coaches permission;
 - e. Leaving the deck without getting permission from the coach (for safety reasons, the coach must know where swimmers are at all times).
3. While traveling or attending swim meets, in addition to 2 above, swimmers are expected to:
 - a. Behave and practice as a team;
 - b. Wear SSMAC appropriate uniform while on deck or during races;
 - c. Make sure the coach knows where they are at all times;
 - d. Behave appropriately at all times (e.g., in public places, and at the billet homes);
 - e. Respect curfews and rules determined by the coaching staff and/or chaperones.

The code of conduct is in effect during all SSMAC activities. Breach of the code can result in, but is not limited to, suspension from practice, suspension from competition (if 'away', the swimmer may be sent home at the parent's expense), the imposition of reprimands, restitution, formal verbal or written apologies and any other form of disciplinary measure considered appropriate by the Club, according to procedure. Reports of conducts or actions that violate the Criminal Code and the Human Rights Act and Swim/Natation Canada Harassment policy will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

I, _____, have read the code of conduct and understand its content. I agree to abide by all
(Swimmer – Print name)
rules set out in it.

(Swimmer - Signature)

(Date)

(Parent / Legal Guardian (Please print))

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